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Applicant(s): Li et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1633  
) (prior application)  
Serial No.: Unassigned )  
(Parent: 09/493,301 ) Examiner: J. Kerr  
) (prior application)  
Filed: Herewith )  
(Parent: January 28, 2000 ) )  
For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR *IN VIVO* AND *IN VITRO*  
ATTENUATION OF GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is a continuation patent application of Serial No. 09/493,301 filed on January 28, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. Serial No. 60/117,635 filed on January 28, 1999, and U.S. Serial No. 60/175,440 filed on January 11, 2000.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/493,301 filed January 28, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Nos. 60/117,635, filed January 28, 1999, and 60/175,440, filed January 11, 2000, all of which are incorporated by reference.

**Preliminary Amendment**

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**Remarks**

The amendment to the specification is made to claim the benefit of U.S.  
Provisional Application Serial No. 60/175,440 filed on January 11, 2000.

**Conclusion**

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed  
telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or if  
prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted for

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**APPENDIX A - SPECIFICATION/CLAIM AMENDMENTS  
INCLUDING NOTATIONS TO INDICATE CHANGES MADE**

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**Docket No.:** 275.0003 0102

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Amendments to the following are indicated by underlining what has been added and bracketing what has been deleted. Additionally, all amendments have been shaded.

**In the Specification**

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, has been amended as follows:

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